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EDUCATION

PhD, Sociology, 2020 (The Graduate Center, City University of New York).

Dissertation Title: "Engaging Neighbors: Housing Strategies and Political Mobilization in Moscow's Renovation". * Committee members: James M. Jasper (Chair), Sharon Zukin, Philip Kasinitz, Jan Willem Duyvendak.

* Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements

MA, Sociology, 2006 (European University at Saint Petersburg/ University of Helsinki)

BA, Social Anthropology, 2005 (Saint Petersburg State University, Russia)

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- 2020-2023 Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences
Institute of Urban and Regional Studies.
- 2017-2019 William Randolph Hearst Fellow, Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, The Graduate Center (CUNY)
- 2016-2018 Adjunct Professor, Hunter College (CUNY).
- 2016-2017 Research Assistant, City College (CUNY)
- 2008-2014 Research Fellow, Center for Youth Studies, Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg.

GRANTS AND AWARDS

- 2021 Best Dissertation Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- 2020 Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award, American Sociological Association, Section on Collective Behavior and Social Movements
- 2019-2020 Dissertation Year Award, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2019-2020 Provost's University Fellowship, CUNY
- 2018 Doctoral Student Research Grant, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2017 W. R. Hearst Graduate Assistantship at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, CUNY Graduate Center
- 2014-2019 The Graduate Center Fellowship (GCF), City University of New York
- 2016, 2018 Conference Presentation Support Fund (The Graduate Center, CUNY).
- 2012-2013 Andrew Gagarin Fellowship at the Andrew Gagarin Center for Human Rights at Bard/ Smolny, St. Petersburg State University.

PUBLICATIONS

Books

2022. *Gains and Losses: How Protestors Win and Lose*, with Jasper, James, Luke Elliott-Negri, Isaac Jabola-Carolus, Marc Kagan, Jessica Mahlbacher, and Manès Weisskircher. New York: Oxford University Press. [Link](#).

Peer Reviewed Articles

2023. "Gains and losses in the urban political field: multi-layered outcomes of mobilization in Moscow's housing controversy." *Mobilization: An International Journal* 28(3): 359-376. [Link](#).

2023. "Movement dilemmas under authoritarianism: national and local activism in Russia." *Sociologica*. 17(1): 67-76. [Link](#).

2023. "Making urban futures at your kitchen table: temporality of urban redevelopment in Moscow." *City and Community* 22 (2): 145-162. [Link](#).

2023. "Naughty," "Nice" or "Homo Sapiens:" Gendered Political Toolkits in a Housing Mobilization." *Sociological Forum*. 38 (1): 27-48. [Link](#).

2023. With Jasper, James M. "Stirring Culture: Moral Batteries and Public Characters in the Battle over Moscow's Renovation." *Capital & Class* 47 (1): 43-59. [Link](#).

2022. "Bring Your Own Politics: Life Strategies and Mobilization Against Urban Redevelopment." *Sociology* 56 (4): 783-799. [Link](#).

2021. "Social Movement Gains and Losses: Dilemmas of Arena Creation." With Elliott-Negri, Luke, Isaac Jabola-Carolus, James Jasper, Jessica Mahlbacher, and Manès Weisskircher. *Partecipazione e Conflitto* 14 (3): 998-1013. [Link](#).

2020. "The Apathy Syndrome: How We Are Trained Not to Care about Politics." *Social Problems*, 67 (2), May 2020: 358-378. [Link](#) *

* Mayer N. Zald Distinguished Contribution to Scholarship Student Paper Award 2020. Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section, American Sociological Association

2020. "Strategic interaction sequences: the institutionalization of participatory budgeting in New York City," with Jabola-Carolus, Isaac, Luke Elliott-Negri, James M. Jasper, Jessica Mahlbacher, Manes Weisskircher. *Social Movement Studies*. 19 (5-6): 640-656. [Link](#).

2019. National and Urban Politics Converge in Moscow: Will Local Activism Prevail? *Metropolitics*. October 1, 2019. [Link](#).

2019. "Beyond Loyalty and Dissent: Everyday Politics in Contemporary Russia," with Karine Clément. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 33: 143-162. [Link](#).

2019. Introduction to the Special Issue: "Imagining a Link Between Local Activism and Political Transformation: Inventions from Russia and Eastern Europe," with Karine Clément. *International Journal of Politics, Culture, and Society*, 33: 117-124. [Link](#).

2019. "Beyond the Global North and South: contemporary studies of local activism in post-soviet Russia," with Elena Tykanova. In: Čamprag, Nebojša and Suri, Anshika (eds.):

Three Decades of Post-socialist Transition. Conference Proceedings. Darmstadt, tprints.
[Link](#).

2015. "In the District': Youth Solidarities on the Urban Periphery," with Aleksey Zinoviev and Margarita Kuleva. *Russian Education & Society* 57 (2): 84–96.
2014. "'Hanging Out', Creativity, and Right to the City: Urban Public Space in Russia Before and After the Protest Wave of 2011-12." *Stasis* 1: 228–59.
2013. "Learning to Use 'Public Space': Urban Space in Post-Soviet St. Petersburg." *The Open Urban Studies Journal* 1 (6): 57–64.
2011. "'It's Like a Museum Here' Here': The Shopping Mall as Public Space." *Laboratorium: Russian Review of Social Research* 3 (2): 48–69.
2009. "From Barakholka to Shopping Mall: Transformation of Retail Spaces in St. Petersburg." *Anthropology of East Europe Review* 27 (1): 51–64.

Book Chapters

- Forthcoming. Apathy. Is a lack of feeling our default condition? In: *Dark Emotions*. Michael Hviid Jacobsen (ed.) Routledge.
2023. The River of Urban Resistance: Renovation and new civic infrastructures in Moscow. In *Varieties of Russian Activism: State-Society Contestation in Everyday Life*, edited by Regina Smyth, Jeremy Morris, and Andrey Semenov. Indiana University Press. Pp. 120-142.
2022. With James Jasper. Identity and Emotions. *Oxford Handbook of Political Participation*. Maria Grasso, Marco Giugni (eds.). Oxford University Press.
2021. Urban Anthropology – Russia. *International Encyclopedia of Anthropology*. [Link](#).
2016. "Polittusovka — An Alternative Public Space of Young Politicians in Contemporary Russia." In *Eastern European Youth Cultures in a Global Context*, 235–50. Springer.
2015. Citizenship of Russian Youth: The Search for an Effective Methodology," with Elena Omelchenko and Yana Krupets. In *"In Search of ..." New Methodological Approaches to Youth Research*, 295-318. Cambridge: Cambridge Scholar Publishing.
2014. Risks and Pleasures in the Youth Activist Scenes in Contemporary Russia, with Elena Omelchenko. In *Hopeless Youth*, edited by Francisco Martinez and Pille Runnel, 119–40. Tartu: Estonian National Museum.

Sociological Fiction

2022. "Day X." *The Sociological Review Magazine*. March 8. [Online]. [Link](#).

Pedagogical Writing

2021. [A Practical Guide For Teaching The Sociological Imagination](#). With Nga Than, Sebastián Villamizar-Santamaría, Karen Okigbo, and Isabel Gil-Everaert. The Teach@CUNY Handbook, The GC Teaching and Learning Center.

TEACHING

Individual course development and teaching:

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| 2022 | University of Helsinki, MA program "Contemporary Societies" |
| | • Qualitative Research Skills |
| 2015-2017 | Hunter College, City University of New York, NY, USA |
| | • Social Movements and Social Change |
| 2011-2014 | Smolny College (St. Petersburg State University, Russia) / Bard College (Annandale-on-Hudson, NY, USA) |
| | • Political Sociology |
| | • Social Movements |
| | • Qualitative Research Methods |
| 2008-2014 | Department of Sociology, National Research University – Higher School of Economics in Saint Petersburg, Russia |
| | • Urban Sociology |
| | • Sociology of Consumption |

Teaching Assistance:

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| 2016-2017 | City College, City University of New York, NY, USA (2016-2017, Fall and Spring semesters) |
| | • Community Needs Assessment (Survey design and implementation), primary teacher Dr. Mary Lutz. |

PUBLIC SOCIOLOGY

Writing:

[Women in Neighborhood Activism](#). Urbaria Summaries Series 2023/1. ISSN 2670-2363.

[Urbaner Aktivismus in Russland: »gewöhnliche« Bürger:innen, erfahrene Aktivist:innen und Gründe für vorsichtigen Optimismus](#). Russland-Analysen, Ausgabe 399, 09.03.2021. doi: 10.31205/ra.399.02

[Civic Participation in Urban Development](#). Urbaria Summaries Series 2020/8. ISSN 2670-2363.

[What do the latest studies tell us about political views among young people in Russia?](#) "The Question," 2017.

[Fortress Under Siege: Moscow's Renovation](#); "Republic" (in Russian), 2017.

[Mortgage Ghettos](#); "Republic" (in Russian), 2017.

[Social Movements Research in Russia: Sociology of the ignored activism](#); "Critical Mass," Bulletin of the Collective Behavior and Social Movements Section of the American Sociological Association, 2015.

Other:

Hosting for the New Books Network podcast. [Profile](#).

[Propaganda, protest, and repression in Russia: an insiders look with Anna Zhelnina.](#)
International Horizons podcast. May 9, 2022.

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Social Movements, Political Sociology, Urban Sociology, Qualitative Methods

ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIP

International Sociological Association (ISA): Research Committee 21 “Urban and Regional Development” (RC21)

American Sociological Association (ASA): Community and Urban Sociology, Collective Behavior and Social Movements

European Sociological Association (ESA)

SERVICE

Reviewer for: American Sociological Review, Antipode, Journal of Housing and the Built Environment, Land Use Policy, Mobilization, Problems of Post-Communism, Social Problems, Sociological Forum, Space and Culture, Symbolic Interaction, City & Community, Urban Studies

Board Member: Research Committee 21 “Urban and Regional Development” (RC21)

Internal book manuscript review: Polity Press

Colloquium Committee 2015/2016; Faculty Membership Committee 2019/2020 (Sociology, CUNY Graduate Center)

Steering Committee Member, Civil Society Workshop at the Center on Philanthropy and Civil Society, CUNY Graduate Center